

# MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE.

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MOTTO:—LIVE FOR OUR FRIENDS—DO THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOOD WE CAN TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

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## SYMPATHY

**Expressed For Caleb Powers  
By Former Governor  
Of West Virginia.**

**Others Write Letters Of Sympathy.**

The sympathy and admiration awakened for Caleb Powers all over the United States is proven by the letters which he continually receives from men in different States with many of whom he is personally not acquainted.

These letters almost invariably mention in the highest terms the famous speech delivered by Powers in his own defense, in which he sought to establish clearly his innocence. In a letter from G. W. Atkinson, of Charleston, W. Va., former Governor of that State, this speech is spoken of as "the greatest forensic argument ever made in a criminal trial in our country." Other writers speak of it in no less glowing terms and express their conviction of its author's innocence.

Gov. Atkinson's letter is as follows:

Caleb Powers, Esq., Louisville, Ky.—My Dear Sir: I want to say that a copy of your speech has reached me; and I have read it with genuine interest. In my judgment it is the greatest forensic argument that has ever been made in a criminal trial in our country. I have been in the business myself for over a quarter of a century and ought to know something about such things.

You have my sincere sympathy. I am as sure as I am living that you are not guilty of the offense charge against you; and to permit you to be hanged for a crime you never committed, simply to gratify a public political, partisan clamor will be a disgrace to the civilization in which we live and a blot on Kentucky which time cannot erase. I am sympathetically yours.

G. W. Atkinson.

Another letter recently received is from Lincoln C. Houk, one of the leading attorneys of Knoxville, Tenn., who says, in part:

My Dear Sir: Inclosed I send you draft on New York for \$50 as a small testimonial of a few of your many admirers in this city to aid you in the heroic struggle you are making to save your life and clear your good name of the foulest slander ever circulated in Kentucky.

Your three trials were farces and travesties on the jury system, and you were three times convicted on perjured testimony of the boldest and rankest sort. I have never believed and do not believe, you will ever be executed. If you are, you will go down in history as the Robert Emmett of America. It would be in the eyes of all liberty-loving Americans' indeed, a judicial murder.

I have read and reread every word of your speech, and I consider it the clearest, most complete and convincing argument in a murder trial I ever read or heard. And I have read the speeches of a great many criminal lawyers, from Daniel Voorhees down, and during an active practice of fifteen years in the criminal courts of Kentucky and Tennessee I have heard many noted advocates.

It seems to me that the Commonwealth wholly failed to prove the alleged conspiracy, and, failing in that, under the rules of law, the whole structure falls.

Hoping you are in good health

and spirits, and that you will be given the new trial to which you are clearly entitled, I am sincerely and truly your friend.  
L. C. HOUK.

## IMPROVEMENT

**Of Property in Our Town Would Invite Capital in Our Midst.**

If we were expecting to entertain company we would want first to put our house in order. The same rule will apply to our town, we should put our town in order. There are a number of attractive building sites that should be built up with substantial buildings that are now used either as an unkept vacant lot or are occupied by some worthless shack of a building that is a disgrace in appearance to the town.

The owners of such property should have pride enough to tear away such buildings and have erected in their place buildings in keeping with the town and for which they could realize a reasonable rental at all times.

It strikes us that the proper thing would be for the City Council to declare some of these "shacks" a nuisance and have them torn away. It would be better to have the lots vacant than to see them occupied as some of them are at present.

Start in on the public square and tear away the old Court-house and build a new one to take its place and then continue around the entire block and remove every unsightly building and have them removed and let modern business houses take their places. Then our town would present a neat and inviting appearance to strangers within our gates and would be an incentive to capital to come here where it could be profitably invested.

Let's have a general cleaning up and make our town the prettiest and most attractive place in the mountains. Who will be the one to make the start?

## Congressional Speaking.

Last Monday a large crowd was in attendance in town and Hon. D. C. Edwards, Hon. Ed. Parker and Dr. W. G. Hunter, candidates for the Republican nomination for Congress were all here.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Edwards addressed the voters at the Courthouse and at 1:15 p. m. Dr. W. Godfrey Hunte, spoke for a few moments but owing to a severe cold and hoarseness he was unable to deliver a regular speech. He was followed by Hon. Ed. Parker who spoke for about an hour and a half after which the remainder of the day was spent by the respective candidates mingling with their friends on the streets and discussing the approaching primary.

All the candidates seem hopeful of their race and all will get a number of votes in this county.

## FAIR DEAL.

**All Have an Equal Chance to Win the Prizes.**

The report has reached our ears that the prizes we are offering to give away on June 1, to the one securing the largest list of subscribers will not be conducted fairly and that the Georgetown agent will be given the advantage. This is an injustice to us and is calculated to injure the paper, while there is no foundation whatever for the statement.

The large advertisement plainly states that any one who de-

sires may enter the contest, and if a citizen from Georgetown or New York for that matter desires to compete for the prizes they have a perfect right to do so.

The credit given thus far to the competitor from Georgetown is 400 votes, which is due from 20 subscribers and the subscriptions were secured and forwarded to us as follows: J. W. Keller, J. C. Cantrill, J. G. Cole, S. S. Offutt, Miss Laura Offutt, Ed. Gaves, Hattie M. Bentley, L. L. Bristow, R. S. Coleman, Mrs. Grover Graves, Mrs. S. A. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Howard, J. N. Bradley, J. W. Ingram, T. J. Jenkins, A. H. Sinclair, M. D. Tharpe, I. C. Hook, J. W. Thacker and Mrs. T. B. Clark.

These subscriptions were all paid for at \$1.00 per year, and our mailing books will show that they have all paid for one year in advance.

Now, if you want to see your friends win the prize go to work and help them to win, and don't sulk and grumble and imagine some one is going to treat you unfair, but show your manhood by working and bringing in subscriptions. Be a man or a mouse. If you can't do anything don't discourage those who can. Either put up or shut up.

## GOOD OIL WELL

**Brought In By Blue Grass Oil Company.**

**Company Now Drilling For the Epperson Sand For A Good Strike.**

The Blue Grass Oil Company has brought in another good oil well in this field. It is located on the Barnes farm, some seven miles from town, and is a regular Jones sand well at 450 feet. It makes nine wells for the Blue Grass Oil Company, some of which were sunk by the Atlantic and Pacific, of which the Blue Grass is a successor. The new well was put to pumping Tuesday, but has not been at work long enough to demonstrate its capacity. It is put at a twenty barrel rate at present. The same company is drilling another well down to the Epperson sand and expects to get a paying well in that formation, which is found at about 800 feet.

On the Hammons lease just below the Barnes farm, the Richmond Oil Company has a group of wells that are doing better than any other producers in the county. The company has filled four tanks this month and is now on the fifth one. These wells have been making a great deal of water all the time until a well was drilled in the other day and shot, which showed up to be a great water well. As soon as it was put to work and so much water began to be produced it was noticed that the other wells were relieved from the water pressure and have been making almost twice as much oil since the new well was shot as before. The company will break the record in this field if its wells keep up their present rate of production.

The Standard Development is cleaning out its wells on the Jones-Black lease, Odell and Farmer, oil well contractors have sold their drilling machinery to contractors in Wayne county.

## Philippine Mummy.

C. T. Jones, of Corbin, was here the first part of the week with the mummified body of a Filipino which he placed on exhibition. He also had the mummified form of a pair of infants that were united together in birth. They attracted considerable attention.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

The April term of the Knox Circuit Court convened last Monday morning in this city with Judge H. C. Faulkner on the bench and Commonwealth's Attorney Wm. Lewis being present.

The Grand Jury was empaneled as follows:

### GRAND JURY

John Collins, B. J. Mills, J. E. Hammons, James Tinsley, John Cory, Jesse Turner, J. W. Root, T. B. Logan, S. B. Parker, Terrell Folley, M. M. Sexton and John Grindstaff, Foreman.

The two Petit-Juries were next empaneled and the Civil officers appeared before the court.

### PETIT JURY NO. 1.

Joseph Foley, J. B. Trosper, S. F. Kelley, J. S. Rees, Eligh Black, Z. T. Carty, Jeff Doram, L. G. Marris, John Walters Green Carter, A. F. Herley, John Jones.

### JURY NO. 2.

R. L. Henson, Dick Powell, J. H. Cottongim, Joe Cobb, Abe Carnes, Leonard Woolums, King Davis, Moses Foley, John D. Jones, George Foley, Wm. Parker Mat Yeager.

The instructions of the court were lengthy and forcible. He dwelt at length upon the homicides of our county and urged that the Grand Jury and the Petit Juries do their whole duty and the result would be that crimes of this nature would be materially lessened. He also dwelt at length upon the liquor question and urged upon the jury to investigate all cases of violation of the law that comes under their notice.

The Court called the attention of the Grand Jury to the necessity of having a new Court House and County Jail erected for the health and comfort of the public and repeated in substance the same thoughts that we have urged upon the people through these columns.

After the instructions to the Grand Jury court adjourned until Tuesday morning in order to permit the candidates for Congress present to address the people.

The following cases have been disposed of during the week:

Sam Sproues, concealed weapons, discharged.

Grant Rice, concealed weapons, discharged.

John W. Messer, concealed weapons, not guilty.

Nealy Messer, concealed weapons, guilty, \$25 and ten days in jail.

Thomas Broughton, concealed weapons, guilty, \$35 and ten days in jail.

Wm. Hoskins, concealed weapons, guilty, \$50 and ten days in jail.

George Jones, concealed weapons, guilty, \$30 and ten days in jail.

Frank Woolums, concealed weapons, dismissed.

Willis Poe, concealed weapons, guilty, \$25 and ten days in jail.

Thomas C. Barnes, concealed weapons, guilty, \$25 and ten days in jail.

Ben Steward, concealed weapons, guilty, \$25 and ten days in jail.

Cook Cox, liquor selling, two counts; guilty, first, \$100 fine, second \$60.

Tandy Black, liquor selling, guilty, \$50 fine.

Ben Steward, liquor selling, \$60 fine.

Bill Milner, drawing deadly weapon, not guilty.

James Proffitt, discharging fire-arms at random, dismissed.

Willis Poe, flourishing a deadly weapon, two counts, \$50 fine in each case.

George Hensley, willful and malicious shooting, felony waived judgment for \$100.

James Blevins, discharging fire-arms at random, not guilty.

Thos. Payne, shooting on public highway, guilty, \$50 fine.

Wm. Baker, Jr., injuring private property, not guilty.

Elijah Black, assault and battery, dismissed.

James Smith, assault and battery, two counts, \$60 in first, and \$20 in second.

Henry Hershburg, gaming, not guilty.

George Tye (col.) gaming, two counts, \$50 fine in first, second filed away.

Fee Patton, gaming, guilty, \$25 fine.

John Smith, gaming, guilty, \$100 fine.

Peter Cox, Sabbath breaking, filed away.

Chas. Ross, breaking into store-house, guilty, sentenced to penitentiary for one year.

James Jones, Sabbath breaking, guilty, \$10 fine.

Dr. W. G. Hunter vs. John Parker and others, dismissed without prejudice.

American Clothing Co., vs. H. C. Hoskins, judgment.

J. T. Gambrel, J. W. Messer and C. T. Messer, trustees, for failing to take the school census, guilty and fined \$20 each.

In cases where a fine is imposed it is also ordered that in case of failure to pay the fine the same shall be worked out on the public roads of Knox county at the rate of \$1 per day.

The grand jury was called before the court Wednesday morning and further instructions given them.

The court stated that he had been reliably informed that gambling and gaming was being carried on to an alarming extent in this town, and he wanted the grand jury to thoroughly investigate this matter, and if the jury failed to secure the right parties that the court would give them the advantage of the information he had at hand.

We may now expect to hear of a general raid upon the gambling dens of the town.

## RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Grand Commander of the Universe to call from us our beloved Sir Knight Joseph Lickliter, to the grand review above.

RESOLVED that in his death Boone Tent, No. 72 K. O. T. M., has lost except in precious memory one of its brightest and best members, he being a charter member, active until his death, uplifting his fellows in the Brotherhood faithful in his attendance when possible.

RESOLVED that his influence for good in the Tent, home and community will continue to live, a beneficent force in the minds of all to whom he was known.

RESOLVED that we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy in their sad loss, to which only almighty God can reconcile them; and be it further

RESOLVED that we drape our Charter in the usual badge of mourning for sixty days, and that we have these resolutions spread at large upon our records, a copy sent to the Bee Hive, a copy to the Mountain Advocate and a copy sent to the bereaved family of the Deceased.

W. H. McDONALD, }  
H. W. BOWMAN, } Com.  
DAN H. WILLIAMS, }

## NEW BANK.

**Mr. Black and Associates to  
To Have a National Bank  
At This Place.**

The Controller of the Currency at Washington last Monday approved the application of Messrs John A. Black, Joseph Miller, W. J. Campbell, James D. Black and J. R. Jones to organize the National Bank of John A. Black of Barbourville, Kentucky, with a capital of \$30,000.

This bank under the management of Mr. John A. Black has been and is yet considered one of the strongest and soundest banks of the State and now that it is to become a National bank and the gentlemen who are now associated with it will make it if possibly a stronger institution than before.

We are glad to note this improvement and hope to see the continued prosperity of home institution. All the men associated with the re-organization of the bank are well known citizens of this place. Mr. Miller is one of the oldest merchants of the town and is considered quite wealthy. Judge James D. Black is one of the leading attorneys at the bar and is also quite a rich man. J. R. Jones is at present the Clerk of the Circuit Court and is also a rich man. Mr. Campbell lives in the county and is known so be a wealthy farmer, while Mr. John A. Black has for a number of years conducted the bank as an individual bank with \$30,000 capital stock thus it will be seen that there is an abundance of capital behind the new National bank and the capital could have been made \$100,000 as easily as \$30,000 if the organization had so desired.

## Baptist College Notes.

"Joy, joy forever! my task is done,  
The Gates are pass'd and my  
Supt. place is won!"

These were the words of Prof. Sawyer A. Smith after he had gone home last Monday evening.

"Take all the pleasures of all the sphere,  
And multiply each through endless years,  
One minute with Miss Decker is worth them all."

Said Mr. J. C. Black the other evening after a pleasant stroll.

Prof. Henry L. Pitman is said to have had a fine, large, old time last Saturday. He and a company of ladies and gentlemen went fishing upon one of the high knolls north of Barbourville, and he is said to have caught a fine, large trout fully five and one-half feet long.

If any one will but observe for one day the actions of our young people he will be forced to say:

"In the spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove;  
In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

## NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky.

In the matter of }  
AUSTIN G. COMBS, } In Bankruptcy  
Bankrupt

To the creditors of Austin G. Combs, of Hindman, in the county of Knott and District aforesaid; a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the fourth day of April, A. D., 1904, the said Austin G. Combs was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Barbourville, Kentucky, on the 25th day of April, A. D., 1904, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.  
W. W. TINSLEY  
Referee in Bankruptcy.  
This 14th day of April, 1904.